

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the attention accorded in the present application. In light of the foregoing amendments to the claims, allowance is respectfully requested.

None of the art cited by the Examiner or presented by Applicants in the IDS submitted on May 6, 2004 disclose or suggest:

An electrode for an electrochemical cell comprising:

a plurality of fibers comprising an electrically active conductive material configured to conduct electrons to an electrolyte of the electrochemical cell,

wherein the electrically conductive material is selected from the group consisting of aluminum, magnesium, cadmium, lithium, ferrous metals, and combinations and alloys comprising at least one of the foregoing materials.

Further, none of the art cited by the Examiner or presented by Applicants in the IDS submitted on May 6, 2004 disclose or suggest:

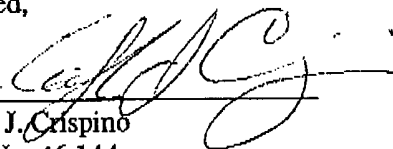
An electrode for an electrochemical cell comprising:

a plurality of fibers comprising an electrically active conductive material configured to conduct electrons to an electrolyte of the electrochemical cell, said fibers having a characteristic length, said plurality of fibers provided in a distribution of characteristic lengths of greater than about 90%.

Accordingly, allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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